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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Southern Command, 3511 NW 9lst Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) for Guantanamo Detainee, ISN US9YM-000838DP (S)

# **JTF-GTMO Detainee Assessment**

# 1. (S) Personal Information:

• JDIMS/NDRC Reference Name: Shawqi Awad Ba Zahir

 Current/True Name and Aliases: <u>Shawki Awad Balzuhair</u>, Abu Malik al-Yemani

• Place of Birth: <u>Hadramawt</u>, <u>Yemen (YM)</u>

• Date of Birth: 24 July 1981

• Citizenship: Yemen

• Internment Serial Number (ISN): US9YM-000838DP



**2.** (U//FOUO) Health: Detainee is in overall good health.

# 3. (U) JTF-GTMO Assessment:

- **a.** (**S**) **Recommendation:** JTF-GTMO recommends this detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD). JTF-GTMO previously recommended detainee for Continued Detention Under DoD Control (CD) on 13 September 2007.
- **b.** (S//NF) Executive Summary: Detainee is an al-Qaida operative who planned to participate in terrorist operations targeting US forces in Karachi, Pakistan (PK) and possibly inside the United States. Detainee was among a group that engaged Pakistani officials in a firefight, during which senior al-Qaida operative Hamza al-Zubayr was killed.. A laptop computer recovered from the safe house, where detainee was captured, contained data that could be used to target aircraft for hijacking operations. Also recovered was the will of another detainee in which he noted his intention to martyr himself, as well as evidence of an

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impending attack against hotels in Karachi. Detainee possibly engaged in hostilities against US and Coalition forces at the Bagram frontlines. Detainee stayed in numerous al-Qaida affiliated guesthouses and safe houses. [ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DETAINEE IS AVAILABLE IN AN SCI SUPPLEMENT.] JTF-GTMO determined this detainee to be:

- A **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies
- A **LOW** threat from a detention perspective
- Of **HIGH** intelligence value
- c. (S//NF) Summary of Changes: The following outlines changes to detainee's assessment since the last JTF-GTMO recommendation. (Changes in this assessment will be annotated by  $\triangleright$  next to the footnote.)
  - Additional information on planned terrorist attacks against US forces in Karachi

# 4. (U) Detainee's Account of Events:

The following section is based, unless otherwise indicated, on detainee's own account. These statements are included without consideration of veracity, accuracy, or reliability.

- **a.** (S//NF) **Prior History:** Detainee attended high school in Hadramawt, YM until 1999. Detainee started working in 1997 as a laborer during the summer months. <sup>1</sup>
- **b.** (S//NF) Recruitment and Travel: Detainee's friend, Abu Uthman al-Hadrami, introduced detainee to Abu Suhibe in April 2001. After speaking with Abu Suhibe, detainee decided to travel to Afghanistan to participate in militant combat.<sup>2</sup> Abu Suhibe provided detainee with 20,000 Yemeni riyals to pay for his passport.<sup>3</sup> When detainee obtained his passport he gave it to Suhibe, who then gave it to an individual named Moath to obtain a visa and airline ticket before detainee returned to Hadramaut.<sup>4</sup> Abu Uthman contacted detainee when his passport was ready, and detainee traveled to Sanaa, YM to get his ticket and some additional money.<sup>5</sup> On 6 June 2001, detainee, along with Salman al-Yemeni and Abdul al-Rahman al-Hashimi, flew from Sanaa, YM to Karachi, Pakistan (PK), via Dubai, United Arab Emirates. When he arrived in Karachi, detainee was contacted by Izz al-Din al-

<sup>2</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, TD-314/37833-02, TD-314/39082-02, Analyst Note: A variant of Abu Suhibe is Abu Suhayb.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Analyst Note: Approximately equivalent to \$115 US.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Analyst Note: A variant of Moath is Muaz.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002

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Yemeni, who traveled with him and other recruits to Quetta, PK on 9 June 2001. Detainee stayed one day at the Taliban Daftar Guesthouse in Quetta, then crossed the border into Afghanistan.<sup>6</sup>

c. (S/NF) Training and Activities: Detainee and the men traveled to the al-Nibras Guesthouse in Kandahar, AF. Detainee next traveled to the al-Faruq Training Camp where he attended training for three months, under the direction of trainer Abd al-Ouddus. Detainee received training on explosives, light weapons (PK machine gun, RPK machine gun, hand grenades, and AK-47 assault rifle), topography, and rocket propelled grenades (RPG). While attending training, Usama Bin Laden (UBL) and Suleiman Abu al-Ghaith spoke to the trainees on separate occasions. On one occasion, in late August 2001, UBL gave a religious speech to the trainees and told them that a big operation was about to take place against the US. At the end of training, detainee returned to Kandahar and resided at the Hassan House until he returned to al-Faruq for a month of artillery training. At the end of this training, detainee went to Kandahar and then on to Kabul, AF. In Kabul, detainee went to the Azzam Guesthouse, and then to the front lines near Bagram, AF. Detainee fought with a unit at the Omar Saif Center before returning again to al-Faruq for another three months of tactics training. 10 Detainee fled in December 2001, after the fall of Kandahar, and lived with a group of about 60 Arabs in the mountains near Zormat, AF. Abu Hasan and Abu Muhammad, both Egyptians, led the group. 11 While in the mountains, many of the Arabs received their passports. The group crossed the Afghanistan-Pakistan border into the Waziristan region, eventually making their way to Bannu, PK. Detainee stayed in a safe house in Bannu for about 10 days, and was then sent to Karachi where he lived in an apartment for about 45 days. Sometime during February or early-March 2002, detainee was told by the Pakistani assisting him in Karachi, that it would be easier to get to Yemen by traveling through Iran (IR), to one of the Gulf countries, and then from the Gulf country to

<sup>8</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, TD-314/39082-02, Analyst Note: Suleiman Abu Ghaith serves as a representative of al-Qaida and UBL's spokesman. Detainee indicated al-Qaida senior leaders Abu Hafs al-Mauritani and Ayman al-Zawahiri were also present.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> TD-314/52613-02, 000838 302 30-OCT-2002; TD-314/39082-02, Analyst Note: A variant of Ez al-Dean is Izz al-Din. A variant of Andul al-Rahman is Abdul Rahman.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> TD-314/39082-02, 000838 302 30-OCT-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, TD-314/39082-02, Analyst Note: The Azzam Guesthouse was located in the former Saudi Arabian Ambassador's home and primarily served as a guesthouse for al-Qaida personnel serving on the front lines

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, Analyst Note: The Omar Saif Center is believed to have been a unit of UBL's former 55th Arab Brigade, which Nashwan Abd al-Razzaq Abd al-Baqi, aka (Abd al-Hadi al-Iraqi), US9IZ-010026DP (IZ-10026), commanded.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, Analyst Note: Abu Mohammed (the Egyptian) is possibly identifiable as Abu Muhammad al-Masri, who was subordinate to Ali Muhammad Abdul Aziz al-Fakhri, aka (Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi), ISN US9LY-000212DP (LY-2I2). Abu Hasan (the Egyptian) is possibly identifiable with Abdul Hassan who served as an al-Qaida official inspecting camps to ensure the camps were providing proper training.

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Yemen. Shortly thereafter, detained traveled by bus with Ammar al-Dalii, aka (Ammar Abdallah Ali al-Dhalai), and Said Salih Said Nashir, ISN US9YM-000841DP (YM-841), from Karachi to Chabahar, IR, where he lived for a month. 12 When the security situation in Iran became too difficult, detainee left Iran along with other Arabs and moved to Quetta, PK, where he staved for two months before moving to Lahore, PK. 13 Detainee remained in Lahore for a month before returning to Karachi. Detainee stayed at a safe house for 10 days and then moved to another apartment. Detainee remained in this apartment for approximately two months until his capture. 14

# 5. (U) Capture Information:

a. (S//NF) On 11 September 2002, Pakistani Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISID) officers, rangers, and police conducted raids against three suspected al-Qaida residences in two separate sections of Karachi. Detainee, along with several other Arabs who were in the apartment with him, resisted and fought a nearly three hour firefight with Pakistani security forces that left two of the Arabs dead and five captured, along with several of Pakistani officials injured. 15 The Arabs in the apartments were reportedly members of a special terrorist team deployed to attack targets in Karachi, including hotels frequented by US soldiers. 16 Shortly after their arrest, detainee and his associates were turned over to US forces at the Karachi Airport and then transferred to Bagram, AF. <sup>17</sup> In all, Pakistani forces detained 10 individuals during three raids, including Ramzi Bin al-Shibh, ISN US9YM-010013DP (YM-10013), and Hassan Muhammad Ali Bin Attash, ISN PK9SA-001456DP (SA-1456).

# b. (S) Property Held:

• Miscellaneous items including sweat pants, a shirt, and a blue pillowcase

# c. (S) Transferred to JTF-GTMO: 28 October 2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Analyst Note: Ammar al-Dalii, who was reportedly one of UBL's bodyguards, was killed during the firefight in which detainee was captured (see TD 314/37098-02, TD-314/37822-02, TD-314/37833-02, 001453 SIR 22-NOV-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> TD-314/37833-02, TD-314/39082-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> TD-314/52613-02, 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, 000838 MFR 05-Nov-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> TD-314/37098-02, TD-314/37833-02, Analyst Note: Ten individuals were detainee in the three raids. Detainee's group was dubbed the Karachi 6 (see TD-314/36523-02 as well as the eight open source articles in JDIMS titled Karachi 6 ....).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> TD-314/37098-02, TD-314/36523-02, TD-314/37823-02 <sup>17</sup> IIR 6 034 0370 03

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- **d.** (S//NF) Reasons for Transfer to JTF-GTMO: To provide information on the following:
  - Al-Faruq Training Camp
  - Facilitators and trainers
  - Al-Qaida and Taliban network of safe houses in Afghanistan and Pakistan
- **6.** (S//NF) Evaluation of Detainee's Account: Most of detainee's reporting appears credible. However, it contains major gaps, including any possible role in the terrorist plots orchestrated by senior al-Qaida planner Khalid Shaykh Muhammad, aka (Mukhtar), aka (KSM), ISN US9KU-010024DP (KU-10024). Detainee's timeline also contains inconsistencies relating to the amount of time he spent in training camps and on the front lines. Detainee has admitted being a member of al-Qaida, staying in guesthouses and safe houses, and fighting on the front lines in Afghanistan. Detainee has provided conflicting reports regarding previous training in explosives and he has begun retracting comments regarding his previous story, such as UBL's presence at al-Faruq. It is assessed that detainee likely believes his admissions will be used against him. Therefore, detainee's initial story is believed to carry the most credibility.

# 7. (U) Detainee Threat:

- **a. (S) Assessment:** Detainee is assessed to be a **HIGH** risk, as he is likely to pose a threat to the US, its interests, and allies.
- **b.** (S//NF) Reasons for Continued Detention: Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida who was possibly involved in planned attacks against US forces that were foiled by a series of raids in Karachi. Detainee is assessed to have engaged in hostilities against US and Coalition forces as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade. Detainee received basic and advanced training in al-Qaida affiliated camps. Detainee resided in multiple al-Qaida affiliated facilities and is associated with key al-Qaida operators and senior al-Qaida leadership.
  - (S//NF) Detainee is an admitted member of al-Qaida.
    (S//NF) Detainee stated that he and the other five individuals living with Hamza al-Zubayr in the Karachi safe house where he was captured were al-Qaida members. (Analyst Note: The six individuals captured at al-Zubayr's safe house, and who are all detained at JTF-GTMO, are collectively referred to as the Karachi Six.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> TD-314/37833-02, Analyst Note: Analyst Note: Anas is an alias used by Pakistani national and safe house keeper Saif ul Rahman, who was detained in the raid and retained in Pakistani custody (see TD-314/37098-02).

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- o (S//NF) Detainee's travel to Afghanistan was organized and funded by known al-Oaida facilitators.
  - (S//NF) Detainee stated his friend Abu Uthman al-Hadrami introduced him to an individual named Abu Suhibe, who provided detainee money to pay for a passport. 19 This is likely a reference to Abu Suhayb, aka (Shakir Bin Hamil), an al-Qaida recruiter from al-Mukalla, YM who was known as the "gate" to Afghanistan. Abu Shuhayb gave bayat (oath of allegiance) to UBL in 1997 and then returned to Yemen with money provided by UBL to recruit young Yemenis from Hadramawt Province.<sup>20</sup>
  - (S//NF) Detainee reported that when he obtained his passport, he gave it to Abu Suhibe, who gave it to an individual named Moath to obtain a visa and airline ticket before he returned to Hadramaut.<sup>21</sup> Moath is possibly identifiable with Ahmad Ibrahim Abu Hasana, aka (Abu Muaz al-Jiddawi), a well-known al-Qaida facilitator for Yemenis traveling to Afghanistan.<sup>22</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee was probably involved in planned terrorist attacks against US forces in Karachi.
  - o (S//NF) Detainee said Hamza al-Zubayr, who was previously a senior military trainer at the al-Faruq Training Camp, was the al-Qaida operational leader of the Karachi Six. Detainee stated that Anas al-Pakistani was the group's Pakistani caretaker. 23
    - (S//NF) YM-841 listed his roommates at the time of the raid as detainee; Ayoub Murshid Ali Saleh, ISN US9YM-000836DP (YM-836); Musab Omar Ali al-Mudwani, ISN US9YM-000839 (YM-839), Hail Aziz Ahmed al-Maythali, ISN US9YM-000840 (YM-840); and Amar, who was reportedly one of UBL's bodyguards and was killed during the firefight.<sup>24</sup> Amar is likely a reference to Ammar Abdallah Ali al-Dhalai. Detainee stated that he traveled to Iran with YM-841 and Ammar al-Dhalai. 26
      - ♦ (S//NF) KU-10024 stated that al-Zubayr had identified two Yemeni operatives, Ammar al-Dalih and Hassan, aka (Mansur), who would serve as "martyrs" in the Karachi operation.<sup>27</sup>

 $^{27} > TD-314/37098-02$ 

 $<sup>^{19}</sup>$ 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, TD-314/39082-02  $^{20}$  TD-314/09166-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Analyst Note: A variant of Moath is Muaz. A variant of Shuhayb is Suhibe.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> IIR 6 034 0154 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> TD-314/37833-02, Analyst Note: Analyst Note: Anas is an alias used by Pakistani national and safe house keeper Saif ul Rahman, who was detained in the raid and retained in Pakistani custody (see TD-314/37098-02). <sup>24</sup> TD 314/37098-02, TD-314/37822-02, TD-314/37833-02, Analyst Note: Also among the individuals captured with detainee was Bashir Nasir Ali al-Marwalah, ISN US9YM-000837DP (YM-837).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> 001453 SIR 22-NOV-2004

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> TD-314/39082-02

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- (S//NF) Detainee stated that Walid Muhammad Salih Bin Attash, aka (Khallad), aka (Silver), ISN US9YM-010014DP (YM-10014), who visited the apartment roughly every two weeks, was the group's primary facilitator in Karachi and their link to senior people in al-Qaida. Detainee also said that senior al-Qaida operative Ammar al-Baluchi, ISN US9PK-010018DP (PK-10018), visited to bring money, clothing, and assistance. Ahmed Ghulam Rabbani, ISN US9PK-001461DP (PK-1461), who was well known to the group as a Karachibased facilitator and had transported many of them from other safe houses, was also named as a frequent visitor.<sup>28</sup>
- (S//NF) According to a Pakistani government service, individuals located in two of the Karachi residences raided on 11 September 2002 were suspected of being part of a special terrorist team deployed to attack targets in Karachi. 29
  - (S//NF) Among the papers found at the residence where detainee was captured included an undated letter addressed to Hamza al-Zubayr from an individual named Mukh. 30 (Analyst Note: Mukh is a variant of the alias used by KU-10024.)
    - (S//NF) PK-1461, who is familiar with the coded terminology used by KU-10024, said the letter, addressed from KU-10024 to Hamza al-Zubayr, contained instructions for al-Zubayr to speed up the execution of a planned, coordinated terrorist attack on multiple targets likely using poisons and remote detonators. PK-1461 added that the tone of the letter to al-Zubayr indicated that he was an operational leader in Karachi and was given responsibility of a big operational task.<sup>31</sup>
    - ♦ (S//NF) KU-10024 admitted being the author of the letter, dubbed the "Perfume Letter," and stated the attack was to take place using military grade explosives against two hotels that housed US troops. KU-10024 commented that the operation was postponed because it was compromised when the Pakistani ISID raided al-Qaida residences tied to al-Zubayr's cell in September 2002 and arrested a number of cell members.<sup>32</sup> (Analyst Note: It is assessed KU-10024 is referring to the raids which resulted in al-Zubayr's death and the capture of detainee, the rest of the Karachi Six, YM-1456, PK-1461, and Abdul Rahim Gulam Rabbani, ISN US9PK-001460DP (PK-1460).
- (S//NF) Recovered from the safe house where detained was captured was the will of YM-837, which he wrote in preparation for being a participant in a suicide operation.<sup>33</sup> (Analyst Note: The presence of the document indicates that YM-837,

31 TD-314/41583-02, TD-314/39649-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> TD-314/37822-02, TD-314/37833-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> TD-314/37098-02, TD-314/36523-02

<sup>30</sup> TD-314/37823-02

<sup>32</sup> TD-314/17985-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> >000837 AFGP-2002-906445 02-DEC-2002

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and probably the group as a whole, were in the final stages of planned suicide operations.)

- o (S//NF) KU-10024 stated that in March 2002 al-Zubayr discussed conducting a car bomb attack against the Midway Hotel and Airport Hotel, located in the immediate vicinity of the old airport in Karachi. The hotels were chosen as targets because they regularly housed large numbers of US troops. KU-10024 approved of the idea and agreed to fund it with \$30,000 US to purchase the two cars needed for the operation.<sup>34</sup>
- o (S//NF) Over 20 radio-type detonating devices were discovered in the Tariq Road Safe House, which was one of the other residences raided the same day as detainee's apartment. The devices were built inside of black "Sega" videogame cartridges and were designed for remote activation through use of a cell phone. 35
  - (S//NF) Coalition forces seized two of the same type of radio-controlled Improvised Explosive Device (IED) components in Khowst, AF, on 27 July 2002.<sup>36</sup>
- o (S//NF) Two laptop hard drives were recovered from the safe house in which detainee was captured.<sup>37</sup>
  - (S//NF) The hard drives contained images of instrument approach charts for major US and European airfields, along with flight simulator software. National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) analysts assessed that a hijacker could use the data on the hard drives to study the proper approach to a commercial airfield, helping disguise his intent to crash an aircraft into a building or facility at or near the airport. In addition, terrorists could use the charts and software on the hard drive to study incoming aircraft patterns, assisting in targeting with man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS).<sup>38</sup>
    - ♦ (S//NF) While staying at the safe house in Karachi, YM-10014 told YM-841 that there would be another attack in the US bigger than the 11 September 2001 attacks in New York.<sup>39</sup> (Analyst Note: Although no such attack materialized, the data on the laptop may have been part of the planning for such an operation.)
  - (S//NF) In addition to the aviation chart data mentioned above, the hard drive contained procedures for kidnapping, smuggling money, weapons, ammunition and personnel, lectures and essays on terrorist training, executions, assassinations, and guerrilla warfare, remote control and electronics training programs, Stinger

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> > TD-314/37098-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> TD-314/37098-02, TD-314/40307-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> ➤IIR 6 044 7041 02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> TD-314/37121-02, Analyst Note: Ayub Murshid Ali Salih, aka (Akramah), aka (Safar), refers to detainee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> NIMA HL0302363 03-OCT-2003

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> 000841 SIR 22-NOV-2002

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> anti-aircraft missile assembly instructions, and other al-Qaida affiliated documents and videos.40

- (S//NF) (S//NF) Passports belonging to UBL's family were also recovered during joint coordinated raids on related safehouses in Karachi. The passports belonging to UBL's family were seized at the Tariq Road safehouse.<sup>41</sup>
- (S//NF) Detainee is assessed to have engaged in hostilities against US and Coalition forces as a member of UBL's 55th Arab Brigade.
  - o (S//NF) Detainee stated he went to the front line near Bagram after making a stop at the Azzam Guesthouse in Kabul. 42
  - o (S//NF) Detainee's claimed his unit was at the Omar Saif Center. 43 (Analyst Note: The Omar Saif Center was a known logistics support center for the 55th Arab Brigade.)
- (S//NF) Detainee received basic and advanced training at the al-Faruq Training Camp.
  - o (S//NF) Detainee admitted receiving basic and advanced training at al-Faruq to include the use of explosives, light weapons, topography, tactics, and RPGs. 44
    - (S//NF) Detainee stated that his explosives trainer was Zakariya al-Yamani, which is an alias for YM-1017. 45 Other trainers included a Syrian named Assad al-Suri, who was an associate of Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn, aka (Abu Zubaydah), ISN US9GZ-010016DP (GZ-10016), and Jarrah, an explosives trainer from Saudi Arabia. 46
- (S//NF) Detainee stayed at numerous al-Qaida affiliated guest and safe houses during his time in Afghanistan, Iran, and Pakistan and is associated with key al-Qaida operators and senior leadership.
  - o (S//NF) Detainee admitted staying at the al-Qaida affiliated Hajji Habash Guesthouse in Kandahar, Azzam Guesthouse in Kabul, Dar al-Aman Safe House in Kabul, and a safe house in Khowst. 47 Detainee admitted staying in multiple al-Qaida affiliated safe houses in Bannu, Karachi, Quetta, and Lahore, PK. 48 Detainee was captured at an al-Qaida safe house in Karachi.

<sup>46</sup> TD-314/39082-02, TD-314/28434-02, IIR 4 201 3375 05

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> TD-314/37121-02, TD-314/37833-02
 <sup>41</sup> TD-314/37103-02, TD-314/40307-02, TD-314/37823-02, Karachi 6 Analysis Paper

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, 000838 KB 01-NOV-2002 <sup>44</sup> 000838 302 30-OCT-2002, TD-314/39082-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> TD-314/39082-02

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> IIR 6 034 1329 04, TD-314/39082-02, 000838 302 30-OCT-2002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> TD-314/39082-02

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- (S//NF) YM-10014 remarked that al-Qaida's al-Nibras Guesthouse is where new students attending the al-Faruq Training Camp gathered before deploying via bus for basic training.<sup>49</sup>
- (S//NF) Yasin Muhammad Salih Mazeeb Basardah, ISN US9YM-000252DP (YM-252), reported that the Azzam Guesthouse was one of UBL's private guesthouses. <sup>50</sup>
- (S//NF) Yusef Kalil Abdullah Nur, ISN US9SA-000073DP (SA-073, transferred), reported that the Dar al-Amn Safe House in Kabul acted as a staging area for transporting Taliban fighters to the front lines of Kabul and Konduz, AF. SA-073 stated that he was on the front lines at Khwaja Ghar, AF, with a group of Arabs, one of which was named Abu Malik (detainee's alias). (Analyst note: Khwaja Ghar was a battle line in northern Afghanistan where Arab fighters under the 55th Arab Brigade fought. SA-073 identified Abu Malik as a Saudi, so it is unclear whether he was referring to detainee.)
- (S//NF) Detainee claimed he stayed at a safe house operated by senior al-Qaida member Abu Layth al-Libi in Khowst prior to entering Pakistan. 53
- o (S//NF) Detainee admitted being smuggled into Iran among al-Qaida members per the direction of KU-10024. Mohamedou Ould Salahi, ISN US9MR-000760DP (MR-760), added that detainee fled to Iran with Abu Hafs al-Mauritani, an al-Qaida Shura Counsel member and head of the Islamic Institute of Kandahar, and added detainee might possess additional information regarding "big guys" in Iran. 55
- c. (S//NF) Detainee's Conduct: Detainee is assessed to be a LOW threat from a detention perspective. His overall behavior has been compliant and rarely hostile to the guard force and staff. He currently has 21 Reports of Disciplinary Infraction listed in DIMS with the most recent occurring on 21 February 2008, when he failed to follow guards' instructions by carrying the ISO mat to the recreation yard. He has two Reports of Disciplinary Infraction for assault with the most recent occurring on 6 February 2004, when he threw food/water on the guard force. Other incidents for which he has been disciplined include inciting and participating in mass disturbances, failure to follow guard instructions/camp rules, damage to government property, assaults, provoking words and gestures, and possession of food and non-weapon type contraband. On 23 February 2007 detainee was reported to be in possession of a black piece of metal, triangular in shape, inside of a blue recreation shoe. In 2007, he had a total of four Reports of Disciplinary Infraction and one so far in 2008.

<sup>50</sup> 000252 FM40 23-FEB-2005

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> TD-314/44432-03

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> IIR 6 034 1329 04

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> IIR 6 034 1004 04, IIR 6 034 0336 05

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# 8. (U) Detainee Intelligence Value Assessment:

- **a.** (S) Assessment: Detainee is assessed to be of **HIGH** intelligence value. Detainee's most recent interrogation session occurred on 23 April 2008.
- **b.** (S//NF) Placement and Access: Detainee identified himself as a member of al-Qaida who was recruited by al-Qaida and whose operational leader in Karachi was al-Qaida operative Hamza al-Zubayr. Detainee is affiliated with multiple high-level al-Qaida operatives. Detainee was the roommate of YM-836, who had a laptop containing information that could be used for future operations against US personnel. Detainee received training on three separate occasions at the al-Faruq Training Camp.
- c. (S//NF) Intelligence Assessment: As a member of Hamza al-Zubayr's cell, detainee possibly has knowledge on the planned hotel attack in Karachi. Detainee possibly has information pertaining to additional al-Qaida attacks planned by KU-10024. Detainee probably possesses additional knowledge of senior level al-Qaida leaders with whom he had contact in Yemen, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iran. Detainee can probably provide information on mujahideen located on the front lines in Afghanistan during the latter part of 2001. Detainee should be able to provide information on mujahideen that fought with him on the Bagram front line. Detainee probably has information on recruiting practices and procedures in Yemen, training camp vetting procedures in Afghanistan, al-Qaida safe houses and guesthouses, and al-Qaida facilitators in Yemen, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

# d. (S//NF) Areas of Potential Exploitation:

- Al-Qaida members, training, and operations
- Extremist on the Bagram frontline
- Al-Qaida guesthouses and safe houses, operations, recruitment, tactics, and escape and evasion tactics
- Islamic extremist in Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Yemen, including recruiters and operatives
- Other terrorists or extremists with whom detainee had contact
- Detainee's intentions after release from US custody
- Terrorist biographical and psychological information
- Terrorist radicalization factors
- Terrorist operations in the CENTCOM AOR
- Terrorists and extremists means of communication in Afghanistan and Pakistan

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9. (S) EC Status: Detainee's enemy combatant status was reassessed on 29 October 2004, and he remains an enemy combatant.

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<sup>\*</sup> Definitions for intelligence terms used in the assessment can be found in the Joint Military Intelligence College October 2001 guide *Intelligence Warning Terminology*.